

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 908

By Bass

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Giles County Junior League All-Stars upon winning the state championship and advancing to the final game of the Southeast Regional Tournament.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those exemplary athletes and athletic teams that have attained the ultimate laurel in sporting competition, namely a championship title; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable athletic team is the Giles County Junior League All-Stars; the All-Stars have displayed their remarkable pitching, hitting, and defensive skills against tough competition and claimed the 2009 Tennessee State Junior League Championship; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable 13- and 14-year-old softball team from Giles County, through their magnificent exploits, brought honor to Tennessee and served as exceptional ambassadors of this State by then advancing to the South East Regional Tournament and finishing in second place as the South East Regional Runners-Up; and

WHEREAS, the players for this year's championship team are Kaelin Dawson, Ashton Edwards, Megan Gardner, Kinsley Hargrove, Ashton Henderson, Jasmine Howard, Jazman Bray Howard, Aaliyah Lawrence, Madison McGill, Morgan May, Holly Newton, Taylor Parker, Merri Anne Patterson, and Shelby Whitworth; and

WHEREAS, these outstanding players benefited greatly from the expertise and hard work of their coaches, who taught these young athletes many valuable lessons about softball and about life; these coaches are Randy McNeese, Megan McNeese, Tracy Henderson, and Eric May; and

WHEREAS, championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel together with a cooperative spirit; the All-Stars exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, this team was an inspiration to all the citizens of Giles County, who were unified in support of these outstanding young ladies, their dedicated coaches, and their parents; and

WHEREAS, these softball players epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, the Giles County Junior League All-Stars displayed uncommon talent, determination, and perseverance in their quest for championship laurels, and they should be commended for attaining this lofty goal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the Giles County Junior League All-Stars upon winning the 2009 State Championship and advancing to the finals of the Southeast Regional Tournament. These outstanding young athletes are worthy ambassadors of the Volunteer State, and we wish them much continued success in their future endeavors, both on and off the diamond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.